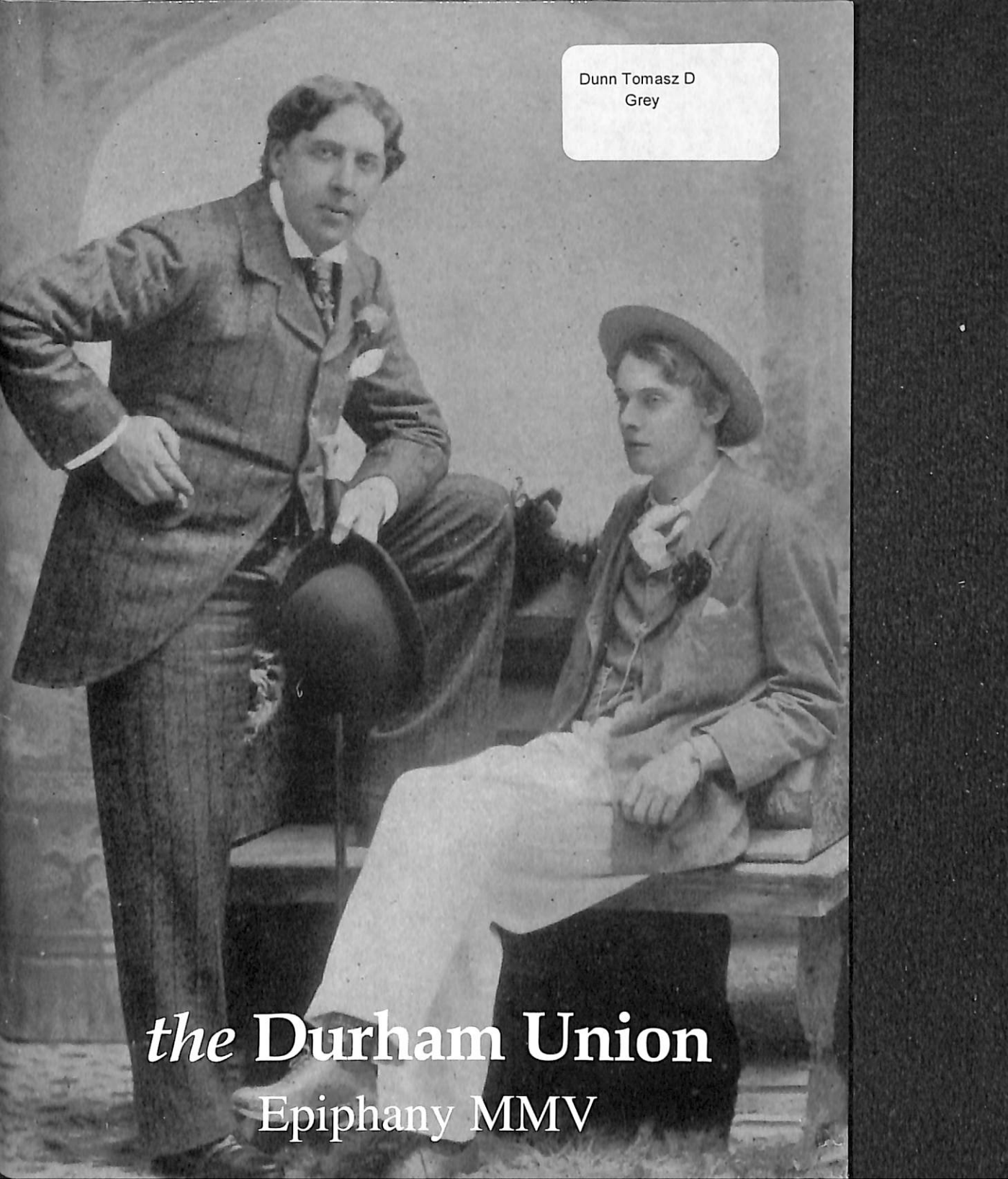




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the Durham Union *from the President*

Welcome back to Durham & to Epiphany here at the Union for what promises to be a term of great controversy & enjoyment. As promised, and in Union tradition, I've chosen debates that are fresh, relevant & deliberately provocative; speakers who range from Lords to folk singers & social events that will provide all members with nights to remember.

John Simpson will be here to address the Union talking about his harrowing adventures reporting from around the world and discussing the problems of war reporting in a democracy. **Boris Johnson**, MP & editor of the *spectator* shall be causing a fuss in the Chamber with his outrageous hair & wit. **Lord Hutton**, the man charged with investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr David Kelly will be addressing the Union on the role of Judges. Rocky Horror & Crystal Maze star, **Richard O'Brien** shall be talking about his career and life as a cult figure. Finally, stand-up comedian and TV star **Norman Lovett**, aka 'Holly' from Red Dwarf shall be talking about the new film and life as a comedian.

Religion takes centre stage for the opening debate - some of the country's biggest & most articulate atheists battle it out with the Church. Then on the eve of the impending general election, the Union shall be deciding whether the **Tories** are actually capable of opposition, never mind Government. Then we challenge contemporary **Feminism** - has it now achieved its aims & not now really rather defunct? Smacking is an issue few sit on the fence about, so for the fourth debate, the Union shall be challenging both sides - a debate not to be missed! Next is the traditional **College Balloon debate**, come & hear your Senior MeW & JCR Presidents battle it out to defend your college. **Political Correctness** is a rather hot potato and so shall be debated to work out if it really is offensive to refer to someone as 'short' as opposed to 'vertically challenged'. The penultimate debate is close to every Britishman's heart - but what does it actually mean to be **British**? Does the concept of a citizenship test make any sense? Finally, the Union challenges Contemporary Pop music - isn't it about time we refused to accept overtly commercial rot? Surely it only marginalizes minority genres like our country's great historical **Folk Music**.

Of course the Union's about more than addresses & debates - Epiphany also promises some fantastic social events; we've got **Murder Mystery** in the Chamber, a trip to the **Greyhound Races**, celebration parties for **St Patrick's** & **Valentine's Day** and **Booze & Views** in 24. There will also be the **Annual Epiphany Art Exhibition**, so please submit your entries - the more the merrier! You are also invited for **PMQs** in the Reading Room on Wednesdays & also our **Acoustic Nights** on Sundays.

Finally, I hope Epiphany will offer something for everyone & that I shall see you at the Union events throughout the term.

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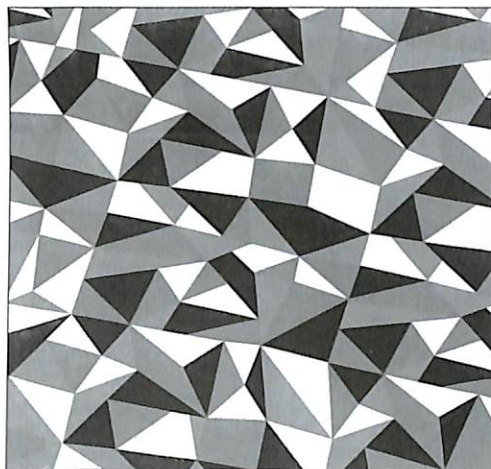
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Lord Hutton



The man charged with investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr David Kelly shall be here to talk about "The balancing of rights and the role of the Judges"

8.30 in the chamber, Thursday 27th January

John Simpson



The BBC's World Affairs Editor, John Simpson, shall be addressing the Union on life as a war reporter and his adventures around the world.



Pinsent Masons

2.30 in the chamber, Tuesday 15th March

Boris Johnson



Boris - what more can one say! He is an MP & Editor of the 'Spectator' magazine and shall be addressing the Union on life as a politician, journalist and wit.

In association with the 'Durham University Conservative Association' & 'The Boris Johnson Fanclub'

5.30 in the chamber, Friday 25th February

Norman Lovett



Star of the 'Red Dwarf' series and upcoming film, Norman Lovett, who started life (and remains to this day) a stand-up comedian shall be addressing the Union on his experiences on board the most popular star ship on TV.

8.30 in the chamber, Thursday 10th March

Richard O'Brien



Creator & writer of the 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' & presenter of the cult classic 'The Crystal Maze', Richard O'Brien shall be addressing the Union on life as a cult figure and talking about his career on and off the screen.

8.30 in the Chamber, Tuesday 8th March

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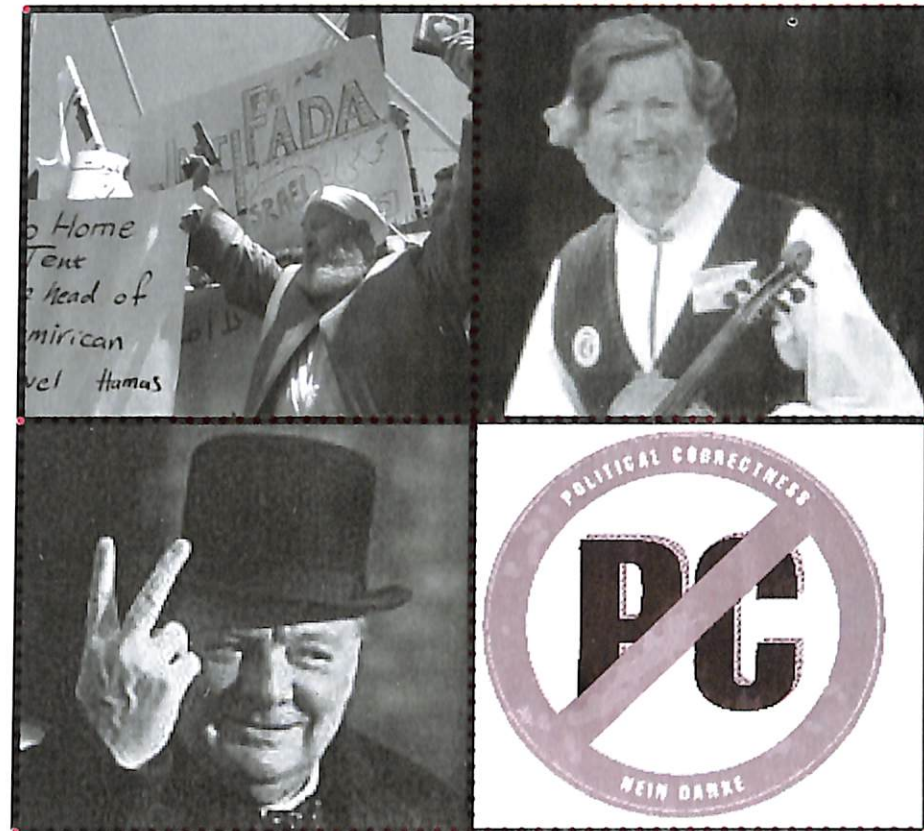
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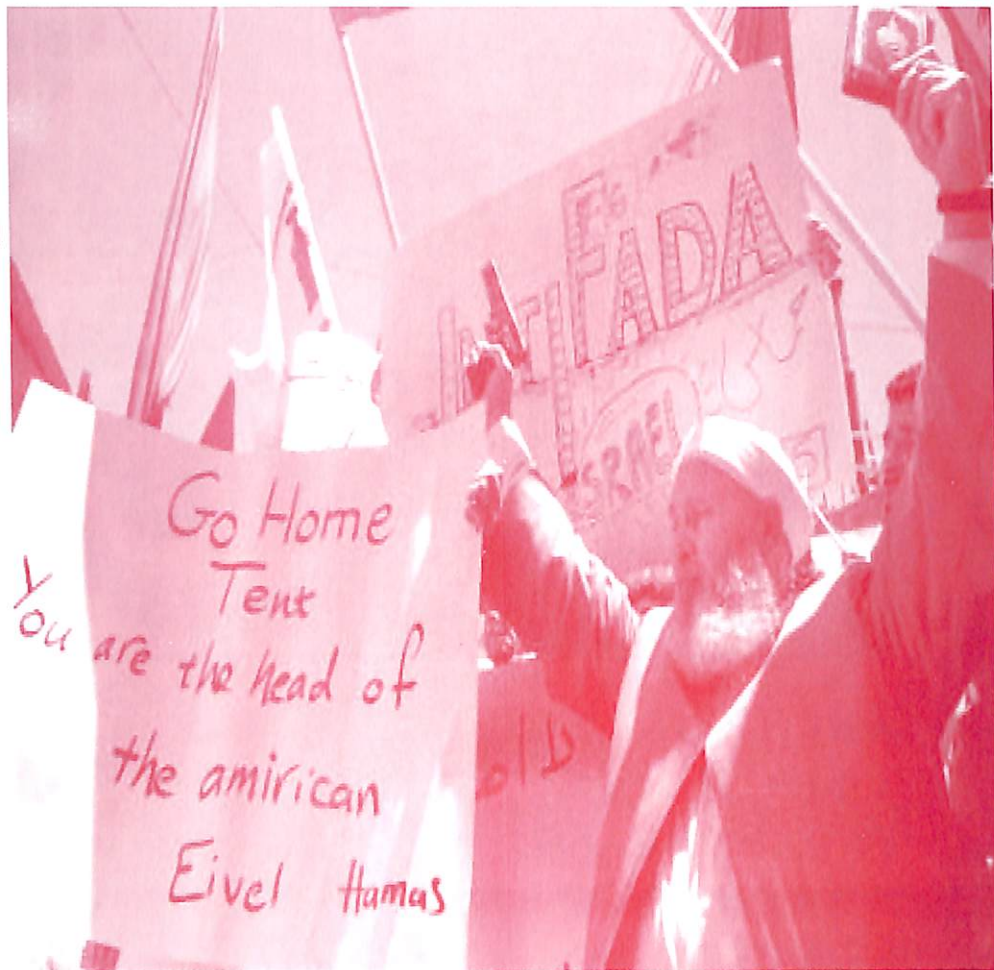
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Debates



RELIGION
TORY PARTY
FEMINISM
SMACKING
COLLEGE BALLOON
POLITICAL CORRECTNESS
BRITISHNESS
FAREWELL

This House believes
religion is the problem,
not the answer



"Such evil deeds could religion prompt "-

Lucretius (96 BC - 55 BC), *De Rerum Natura*

"Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind" -Albert Einstein

In Proposition



Jonathan Meades

Film Maker, Author & Critic



Keith Porteous Wood

Executive Director,
National Secular Society



Frank Jordans

Editor,
New Humanist Magazine

In Opposition

Malcolm Stonestreet

Chief Executive,
United Religions Initiative



Revd Canon John Hall

General Synod,
Church of England



Rt Revd Prof. Sykes

Bishop, Theologian &
Principal of St John's



This House believes
there is no future for
the Conservative Party
in British politics



"A conservative government is an organized hypocrisy"

-Benjamin Disraeli

"Tories are not always wrong, but they are wrong at the right moment"

-Lady Violet Bonham Carter

In Proposition



Alice Mahon MP

Labour,
Halifax



Jody Dunn

Liberal Democrat PPC,
Hartlepool

In Opposition

Hugo Swire MP

Shadow Minister for the Arts



Charles Hendry MP

Deputy Chairman,
Conservative Party



This House believes feminism has outlived its usefulness



"All men are rapists and that's all they are"
-Marilyn French, Author, "The Women's Room"

12 "The feminist aim is not and never has been about joining the system, it's about changing it" -Yvonne Roberts, *The Independent*

In Proposition



Virginia Ironside

Agony Aunt & Writer,
The Independent



Sarah Standing

Columnist,
Daily Telegraph

In Opposition

Kate Bellamy

Chief Policy Officer,
Fawcett Society

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Dr Kristin Aune

Author 'Single Women:
Challenge to the Church?'



This House believes parents have the right to smack their children



"There are more pleasant things to do than beat up people."

- Mahatma Gandhi

"Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent"

-Isaac Asimov

In Proposition



Lord Laming

Author of the famous
"Victoria Climbié Inquiry"



Dr John Marks OBE

Institute for the Study of
Civil Society

In Opposition

Sue Woolmore

Public Policy Adviser,
NSPCC

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Cruelty to children must stop

Baroness Walmsley

Liberal Democrat spokesman
in the House of Lords on
education



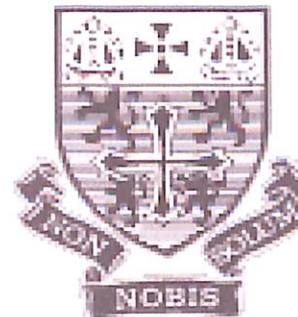
College Balloon Debate



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Presidents defend the honour of your college!

"You shouldnt have gone to Hatfield"- most people
"Balls to castle, Balls to castle"- Chad's college Song

This House believes
political correctness
has gone too far



"I'm not short, I'm vertically challenged" - Anon
"The food at castle isnt awful, its digestively challenged" -
Castle Fresher

In Proposition



John Midgley

Co-founder,
Campaign Against Political
Correctness



Peter Hitchens

Journalist
Mail on Sunday

In Opposition

Richard Rampton QC

Barrister for George
Galloway and McDonalds



Dr Tom Hamilton

Public Affairs Officer, MACA
(Ex-Union President)



This House believes
that there is no such
thing as Britishness



"I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world"

-Socrates

20 "It is lamentable, that to be a good patriot one must become the
enemy of the rest of mankind." -Voltaire

In Proposition



Dr Julie Smith

Deputy Director,
Centre for International
Studies



**Air Marshal
the Lord Garden KCB**

Lib Dem Peer

In Opposition

Piers Merchant

Chief Executive,
UK Independence Party



Prof. Sir Bernard Crick

Author of the Government's
infamous 'Citizenship Test'



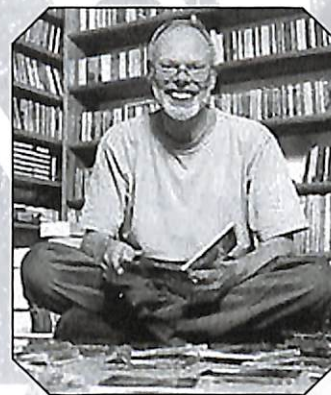
This house prefers
traditional folk to
contemporary pop any
fol-der-ol-diddle-ol-day!

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Maddy Prior MBE

Folk Legend. Maddy Prior was at the forefront of the English renaissance in the late sixties along with then husband, Tim Hart. They later went on to form the most famous traditional English Folk/Rock band in the world - Steeleye Span. Maddy's career spans 35 years - she has worked with June Tabor, Martin Carthy, Ashley Hutchings & John Kirkpatrick, to name but a few - she is a truly remarkable folk singer.



'Whispering' Bob Harris

Radio DJ. Described by 'Radio Times' as "one of the greats of British contemporary music broadcasting...still an independent champion of great music", Bob first established his enduring reputation during his seven years as presenter of 'Old Grey Whistle Test' on BBC 2, recognised throughout the 70's as Britain's premiere television music show. Today he still broadcasts on BBC Radio & he has a string of broadcasting awards to his name.

Paul Rees

Editor of Britain's biggest and most popular culture music mag - Q Magazine. He oversaw the re-branding of 'Q' in August which was supported by a £600,000 marketing campaign and saw Q's first national advertising for three years.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

16-22 Jan

Term Starts

Officers &
Assisstants
7.00

Religion
8.30

Junior Schools
Debating

2

23-29 Jan

Acoustic Night
European Trials

Trustees
6.00
Workshop
7.30

General
Committee
4.00

Lord Hutton
8.30

Tory Party
8.30

3

30 Jan - 5 Feb

Acoustic Night

Workshop
7.30

Queens
Campus
Debate
6.30

Standing
Committee
4.00

Booze & Views
8.30
Art exhibition
entries open

Feminism
8.30

4

6-12 Feb

Acoustic Night

Workshop
7.30

Michaelmas
2005
Presidential
Election

General
Committee
4.00

Art exhibition
entries close
Viewing begins

Smacking
8.30

Murder
Mystery
6.00

5

13-19 Feb

Acoustic Night

Valentines Night
8.00
Workshop
7.30

Standing
Committee
4.00

Art exhibition
Final

College
Balloon
8.30

Evening at the
Races
6.00

6

20-26 Feb

Acoustic Night

Workshop
7.30

Inter-Collegiate
Final
8.30

General
Committee
4.00

Boris Johnson
5.30
Political
Correctness
8.30

7

27 Feb- 5 Mar

Acoustic Night

Workshop
7.30

Standing
Committee
4.00

Britishness
8.30

8

6-12 Mar

Acoustic Night

Workshop
7.30

Richard
O'Brien
8.30

General
Committee
4.00

Norman Lovett
8.30

Folk Vs. Pop
8.30

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13-19 Mar

Acoustic Night

Workshop
7.30

John Simpson
2.30

Standing
Committee
4.00

St. Patrick's
Night
8.00

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ACOUSTIC NIGHTS
PMQs

Murder

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Saturday 12th February 6.00 in the Chamber, Palace Green

whodunnit?.....

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Thursday 3rd February 8.30pm @ 24 Admission: £1/£1.50

Valentines Night

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Monday 14th February, from 8.00 @ 24 Free admission

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Diary

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First Week

SUN

Jan 16

MON

Jan 17



Start of term

TUE

Jan 18

WED

Jan 19



Officers and assistants
Reading Room at 7.00

THURS

Jan 20

FRI

Jan 21



Religion Debate
8.30 in the Chamber

SAT

Jan 22

Junior Schools Debating
Championship



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SUN

Jan 23

Acoustic Night

9.00 in the Reading Room

European Trials



MON

Jan 24



Trustees Meeting
6.00 in the Committee Room
Debating Workshop
7.00 in Elvet Riverside

TUE

Jan 25

WED

Jan 26



General Committee
4.00 in the Chamber

THURS

Jan 27

Lord Hutton

"The Balancing of Rights and the
Role of Judges"

8.30 in the Chamber



FRI

Jan 28



Conservatives Debate
8.30 in the Chamber

SAT

Jan 29

2

Second Week

33

Diary

3

Third week

34

SUN

Jan 30

Acoustic Night

9.00 in the Reading Room



MON

Jan 31



Debating Workshop

7.00 in Elvet Riverside

TUE

Feb 1

Queen's Campus Debate

Europeans Team
6.30 in B101 Holiday



WED

Feb 2



Standing Committee
4.00 in the committee room

THURS

Feb 3

Art Exhibition Entries
Open



FRI

Feb 4



Feminism Debate

8.30 in the Chamber

SAT

Feb 5

SUN

Feb 6

Acoustic Night

9.00 in the Reading Room



MON

Feb 7



Debating Workshop

7.00 in Elvet Riverside

TUE

Feb 8

Michaelmas 2005
Presidential Election



WED

Feb 9



General Committee

4.00 in the Chamber

THURS

Feb 10

Art Exhibition Entries
Close

Viewing begins in the chamber



FRI

Feb 11

SAT

Feb 12

Murder Mystery

7.00 in the Chamber



4

Fourth week

35

Diary

5

Fifth Week

36

SUN

Feb 13

Acoustic Night

9.00 in the Reading Room



MON

Feb 14



Valentine's Night

8.00 in 24
Debating Workshop

TUE

Feb 15

WED

Feb 16



Standing Committee
4.00 in the Committee Room

THURS

Feb 17

Art Exhibition Final
7.00 in the Chamber



FRI

Feb 18



College Balloon Debate
8.30 in the Chamber
come support your college!

SAT

Feb 19

**Night at the greyhound
races**

6.00 @ Dunelm House



SUN

Feb 20

Acoustic Night

9.00 in the Reading Room



MON

Feb 21



Debating Workshop
7.00 in Elvet Riverside

TUE

Feb 22

Inter-Collegiate Cup Final

8.30 in the Chamber



WED

Feb 23



General Committee
4.00 in the Chamber

THURS

Feb 24

FRI

Feb 25



Boris Johnson
5.30 in the Chamber
**Political
Correctness Debate**
8.30 in the Chamber



SAT

Feb 26

6

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Diary

7

Seventh Week

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SUN

Feb 27

Acoustic Night

9.00 in the Reading Room



MON

Feb 28



Debating Workshop

7.00 in Elvet Riverside

TUE

Mar 1

WED

Mar 2



Standing Committee

4.00 in the CommitteeRoom

THURS

Mar 3

FRI

Mar 4



Britishness Debate

8.30 in the Chamber

SAT

Mar 5

SUN

Mar 6

Acoustic Night

9.00 in the Reading Room



MON

Mar 7



Debating Workshop

7.00 in Elvet Riverside

TUE

Mar 8

Richard O'Brien

8.30 in the Chamber



WED

Mar 9



General Committee

4.00 in the Chamber

THURS

Mar 10

Norman Lovett

8.30 in the Chamber



FRI

Mar 11



Farewell Debate

8.30 in the Chamber

SAT

Mar 12

8

Eighth Week

39

Diary

9

Ninth Week

40

SUN

Mar 13

Acoustic Night

9.00 in the Reading Room



MON

Mar 14



Debating Workshop

7.00 in Elvet Riverside

TUE

Mar 15

John Simpson

2.30 in the Chamber



WED

Mar 16



Standing Committee

4.00 in the Committee Room

THURS

Mar 17

St Patrick's Night

8.00 (with late licence) at 24



FRI

Mar 18



End of Term

SAT

Mar 19

Durham Schools Debating

Competition

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Debating

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WORKSHOPS

Durham has an unrivalled workshop programme. Don't worry if you missed part or even the whole of last term's sessions - just turn up on Monday 24 January at 7pm in ER 155 and we'll let you debate with other people with similar strengths. Whether you're a complete novice or the World Schools champion the Union's workshops have something to offer you.

INTERNAL DEBATING

Team up with another member of your college to battle against teams from other colleges in the Inter-Collegiate Cup. The final will be held on Tuesday 22 February, and the qualifying rounds will be held in the previous week. This is a great opportunity to get involved!

EXTERNAL DEBATING

If you would like to take debating further, you can enter competitions at universities around the UK. The Union has an excellent reputation on the debating circuit, and in the last year alone our teams have reached the finals of four inter-varsities and we won the North of England IV in Lancaster. Selection is based on performance at workshops.

GET INVOLVED!

Debating isn't just about arguing over topical issues. There is a great social side to it all. If you would like to know more, and if you would like to be involved in external competitive debating this term, please come to a meeting (followed by drinks in 24) on Wednesday 19 January at 7pm in the Chamber.

DURHAM SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Durham hosts the largest schools competition in the UK. This year's tournament will be held on 18 - 19 March. We really need your help with judging and administration - contact Emily Hughes if you'd like to help us out!

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24 is the social hub of the Union. Situated in the heart of Durham, between Chad's and John's on the Bailey, 24 is the perfect stop-off point on a bar crawl or just for a quiet drink. The bar is open every night from 8.00pm, but the snooker room is available all day.

The Bar

With its unique atmosphere and ideal location, 24 is the place to go for a night out in Durham. We are known for our great selection of beers and cocktails, and we provide an exciting alternative to college bars and city pubs. No bar crawl is complete without a visit to 24. The bar is also the home of our debating and sports teams and hosts bar quizzes and theme nights.

Beer Garden

We have a large garden behind 24 which comes into its own in the summer. It's perfect for barbeques, garden parties, frisbee and croquet, and of course a great place to relax on a warm summer evening.



Snooker Room

24 has one of the very few full size snooker tables in Durham, which is exclusively for members' use both during the day and in the evening. Just come to the office to book it for use during the day, or ask at the bar in the evening.



Guest Room

A large and comfortable twin guest room is available for members and their guests. With its Bailey location and very reasonable rates, 24 is the best place for you, your friends or your parents to stay whilst you are here and once you have left. Again, ask in the office for more information.



Accommodation

The house side of 24 contains seven large, highly sought after single bedrooms, a kitchen and two bathrooms. The rooms are allocated on the basis of contribution to the Union and the mutual compatibility of the residents.



Reading Room

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Room Hire

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The President would like to thank...

The Union was founded in 1842, which makes me about the 485th President. A lot has changed since the 19th Century, but what has not is the commitment and hard work of the student officers and permanent staff. There are many, many people I'd like to thank - all of whom have made my time at the Union so enjoyable and memorable - so thank you to everyone!

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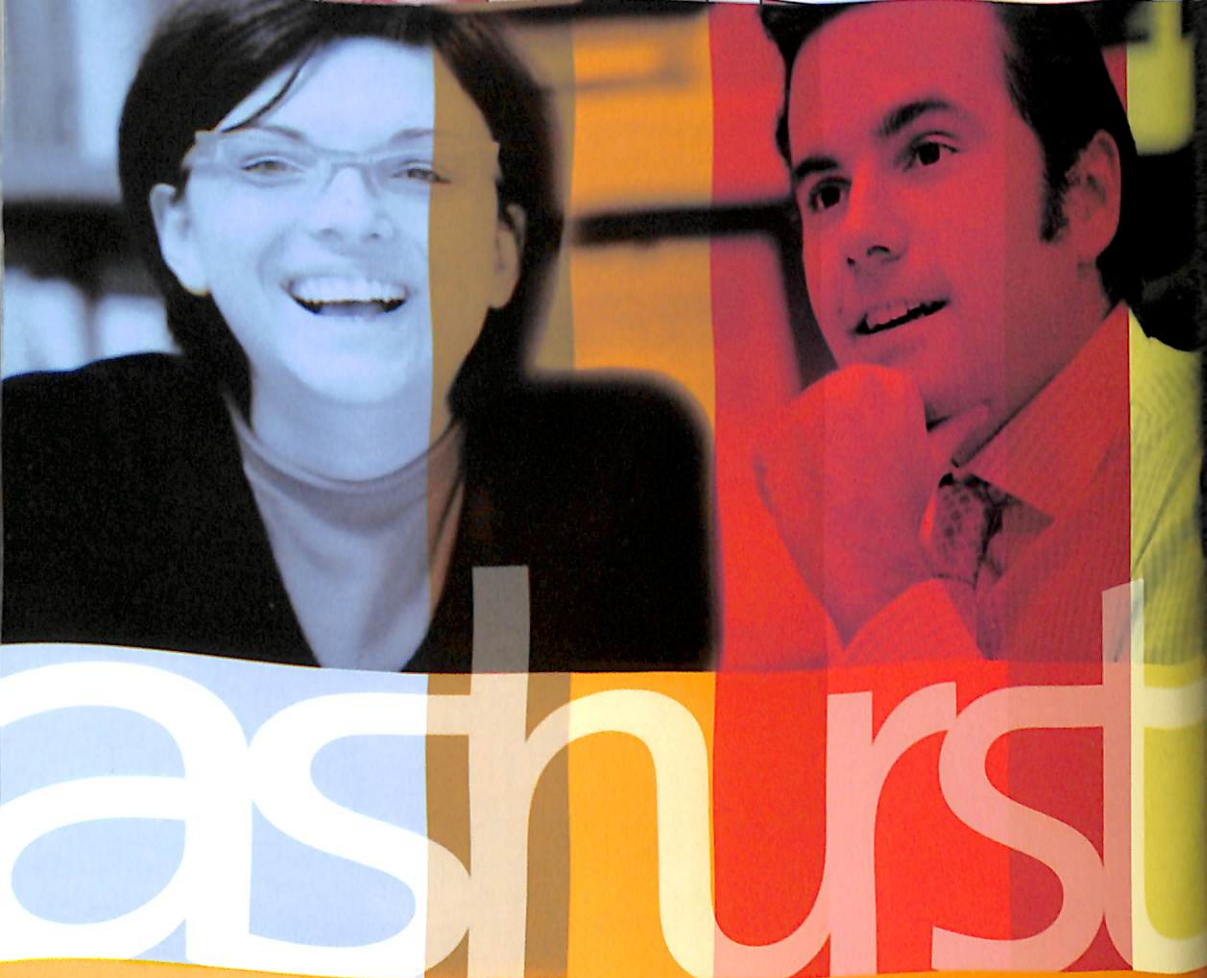
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